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1. SUMMARY. THE DC, ITS CENTRAL AND REGIONAL GOVERNMENTS, AND COMMISSIONER ZAMBERLETTI HAVE SCORED A MAJOR VICTORY BY MEETING THEIR COMMITMENT TO PROVIDE TEMPORARY HOUSING FOR THE FRIULI BY MARCH 31. LOCAL AND NATIONAL PRESS, INCLUDING THE PCI S "L UNITA ", IN LEAD ARTICLES STATE THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS KEPT ITS PROMISE TO THE VICTIMS OF THE EARTHQUAKES IN NORTHERN ITALY. THE DC-LED GOVERNMENT HAS THUS DEMONSTRATED ITS ABILITY TO CARRY OUT A MAJOR PROGRAM - AN ACCOMPLISHMENT THAT CAN ONLY SUBSTANTIALLY BUOY THE DC LOCAL AND NATIONAL IMAGE. END SUMMARY.

2. LOCAL AND NATIONAL NEWSPAPERS GIVE PROMINENT COVERAGE TO SPECIAL COMMISSIONER ZAMBERLETTI S MARCH 31 NEWS CONFERENCE IN WHICH HE ANNOUNCED THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE CENTRAL AND REGIONAL GOVERNMENT S EFFORT TO HOUSE THE REFUGEES OF THE FRIULI EARTHQUAKES BY THE END OF MARCH. "CORRIERE DELLA SERA" IN PARTICULAR NOTES THAT ZAMBERLETTI S ACCOMPLISHMENT WAS PERHAPS THE FIRST SUCCESS IN RECENT HISTORY FOR AN ITALIAN GOVERNMENT IN DEALING WITH A NATIONAL UNCLASSIFIED

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DRAMA OF SUCH PROPORTIONS.

3. THE DATA APPEARING IN ALL PAPERS AND CONFIRMED FOR US BY ZAMBERLETTI S OFFICE ARE IMPRESSIVE: OF 22,522 PREFABS NEEDED 20,522 ARE READY WITH THE REMAINDER TO BE COMPLETED WITHIN 2 WEEKS. OVER 65,000 PERSONS NOW HAVE HOUSING. ONLY 5,000 AT MOST ARE STILL WITHOUT A ROOF OF THEIR OWN AND THESE WILL BE

HOUSED VERY SHORTLY. THE COST: APPROXIMATELY 400 MILLION DOLLARS.

4. "L UNITA " ON YESTERDAY S REGIONAL PAGE FOLLOWED TODAY BY A MAJOR NATIONAL ARTICLE DETAILS THE GOVERNMENT S SUCCESS IN MEETING ITS GOAL. TODAY S ARTICLE GIVES PROMINENCE TO ZAMBERLETTI S COMMENT THAT A DECISIVE FACTOR IN THE GOVERNMENT S SUCCESS WAS THE QTE EXTRAORDINARY CONVERGENCE AND COLLABORATION UNQTE OF POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC FORCES AND LOCAL AND CENTRAL GOVERNMENTS ADMINISTRATIONS IN CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT. ALTHOUGH "L UNITA " MENTIONS SEVERAL COMMUNITIES WHERE THERE ARE STILL HOUSING SHORTAGES OR WHERE OTHER PROBLEMS EXIST THE ARTICLE IS A PAT ON THE BACK FOR THE GOVERNMENT.

5. COMMENT: THAT THE CENTRAL AND REGIONAL GOVERNMENTS HAVE MET THEIR COMMITMENT TO HOUSE THE FRIULANI IS A SIGNAL VICTORY FOR THE DC, AND MORE PARTICULARLY FOR ZAMBERLETTI (SEE REFTEL). LOCAL AND NATIONAL PRESS ACKNOWLEDGE THE ACCOMPLISHMENT AND THE DC AT BOTH THE NATIONAL AND REGIONAL LEVELS IS BASKING IN THE WARMTH OF UNACCUSTOMED ACCOLADES. THIS CAN T LAST, HOWEVER. LOCAL OFFICIALS REALISTICALLY EXPECT NOT ALL REFUGEES AS THEY SETTLE IN WILL BE HAPPY WITH THEIR NEW LODGINGS AND THE COMPLAINT RATE IS SURE TO SHARPLY INCREASE. MOEN.

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